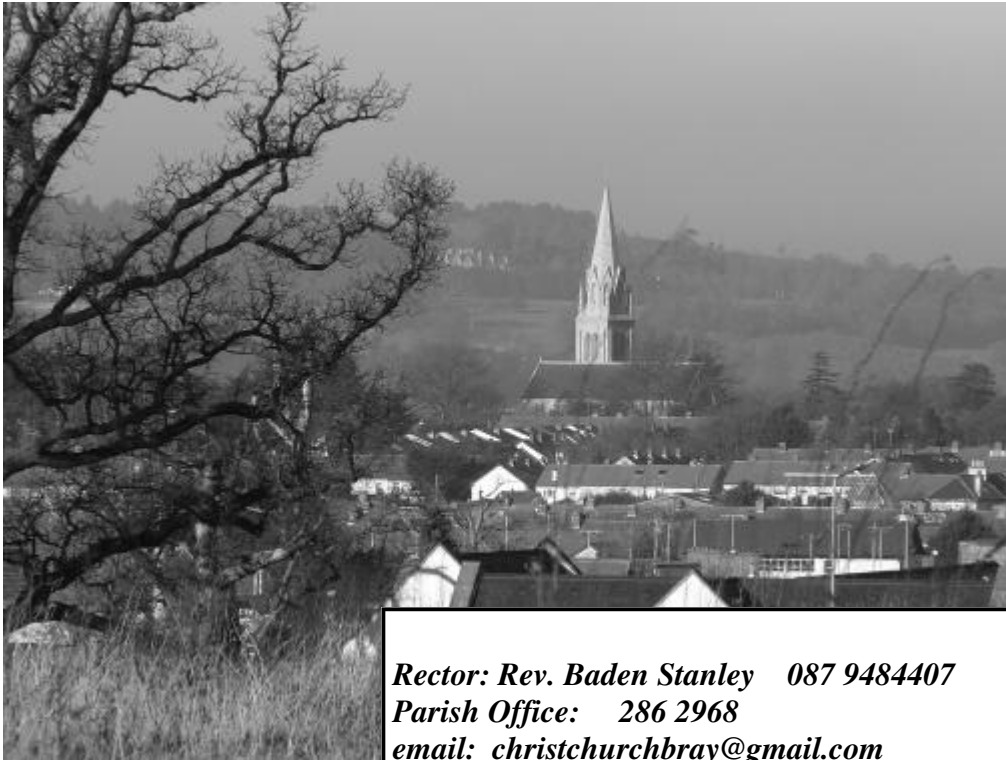


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FROM THE RECTORY

Q: What's the difference between the Rector of Bray and a can of yoghurt?

A: A can of yoghurt has culture!



Yes, it is sadly true, when God in his heaven was giving out aesthetic appreciation; I was absent, presumed ignorant! Now don't get me wrong, I love art, most types of music (though I confess I find myself agreeing more and more with my dad who used to complain that 'today's music is all played to the one beat!'), I love stories, and words and as you are no doubt painfully aware by now, I love wonder!

My problem with most genres of art is that I don't get it. I need an interpreter to tell me what the performer/painter/songwriter/author etc. means and then I get it, and then I love it. I mention all of this because in early November we will be running a Flower Festival and Exhibition of Remembrance (please see our ad elsewhere in this edition and please note some of the details have changed!). At the Flower Festival, there will be exhibits of flowers crafted by very gifted people to explain/depict certain themes. For those of you who are like me, there will be cheat-sheets to explain these themes, but for the rest of you culturally nuanced and savvy visitors there will be time and space to allow the arrangements to speak for themselves. I have to admit I am getting very excited about the Flower Festival, which surprises me as I have not really attended too many before; but I finally get what they are for. Flower Festivals are essentially story books, with each arrangement a chapter, and each leaf and flower a word or a sentence that carries deeper levels. Flower festivals (the first was held in Christ Church Bray in 1972) are amazing opportunities to step back and reflect, to appreciate craft and style, to question assumptions and presumptions; they are effectively opportunities to engage in themes and theology, and humanity and horror, and joy and even peace.

In 2009 we held our first Remembrance Exhibition to provide an opportunity for the stories of those who went to war, and those who remained at home, to be heard and experienced. Using pictures of WW1 trenches, using story boards and replicas of trenches and homes we have sought to explain to newer generations that what happens in war is horrendous and awful, that those who fought and those who died and those who survived were ordinary people, some of whom did extraordinary things, most of whom were scared and brave in slightly unequal measure. This year we want to take the story forward through more stories, more pictures, a bunker-styled radio room, a working kitchen, a trench and the very powerful depictions in flower and foliage of some of the deepest themes of life.

You really don't want to miss this, book early, book often! See you there from 6th-13th November, 2011.

Sympathy: We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all who have been bereaved in recent weeks and in particular to the family and friends of Ellen Fitzpatrick; the family

and friends of Frank Winstanley; to Elizabeth Green on the death of her sister Sybil; to Phil Lawler on the death of her father, James Breen; to Jimmy Stewart whose brother John passed away in August, and to the family and friends of Vincent Browne, husband of the late Sophie Popham.

Congratulations: To Daniel Albert Henley who was christened on Sunday, 10th July by Rev. Harry Lew and to Ken Ford and Julie Mee who married recently;

Baden

Car Boot Sales:

There has been a great buzz in Christ Church grounds on the second and fourth Saturdays in June, July and August with a great atmosphere among the more than 30 'booters' each Saturday offering all sorts of items for sale. The Parish Stall did a roaring trade in books, knitted items, toys, cards, baby equipment, bric-a-brac - not forgetting the wonderful selection of cakes, biscuits, sweets, filled savoury rolls and other refreshments on offer. **The last sale of the season will be on Saturday, 10th September from 9am until 1.00pm.** Why not come along and browse, there are still plenty of bargains to be had. Thank you to the team of helpers involved in making this venture such a success with over €3,500 already raised for Parish funds, it couldn't have happened without you. *Nicola*

Go for Life FitLine is encouraging people to join the one in five over 55 year olds who are regularly physically active.

Of people aged over 55, 18% are regularly physically active. Activities like swimming, golf, keep fit, dancing and cycling are all popular. Of course walking remains the most popular activity and, when done at the right intensity, is a great form of exercise for keeping fit.

FitLine is a free service provided by Go for Life, Wicklow Local Sports Partnership and the HSE. It helps callers check their exercise levels and can advise people who want to get more active

People interested in getting more active can call Go for Life FitLine on 01 805 7733 or Wicklow Local Sports Partnership on 01 287 8180 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.



Youth Programme over the Summer:

Over the summer months the young people of Christ Church have had lots of fun doing lots of different activities, we started off with a Movie Night, lots of popcorn, sweets and giggles as we watched 'Despicable Me' on the big screen. We also had a water fight where the leaders ended up wetter than any of the young people taking part. We put our culinary skills to the test on our cookery morning, making Rice Krispie Buns, Pitta Pocket Pizzas and decorating cup cakes. A few budding Jamie Olivers and Rachel Allens were evident and the eating of the goodies was almost as much fun as making them! To finish our summer programme we are having a treasure hunt, family beach games and a back to school bash before hitting the books in September again!



Letter from Jim McCoy to In Touch

On Sunday, 24th July my car ignited while parked in the church park. I wish to say a sincere thank you to all the parishioners who came to my assistance, ably led by Albert Hill. The local fire brigade was called but due to damage to the engine, the car is a write off.

Should the like ever happen again - please note:-

There are no fire extinguishers in Christ Church Bray suitable for automobile fires. Parishioners must be advised that the petrol tank in an automobile can explode at any time and should be totally avoided by parishioners as this could cause serious injury!

George Wilkin

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Saturday 10th September 2011

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Fund Raising 2011

A number of fund raising activities have taken place during 2011. Events have been held for specific purposes such as the organ restoration, as well as more general fund raising for the parish. Not all events have been arranged with the sole purpose of raising money but have nonetheless generated funds for the parish.

The range of activities has been considerable and included a number of concerts, bag packing in Superquinn, a table quiz, one act drama, car boot sales during the summer, as well as the parish fête and the recent gift day. The parish owes a huge thanks to all those who supported these events, as well as those who have spent their time and resources arranging and running these activities.

Concerts / Drama – (proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund)

Bray One Act Drama	€ 2,000
Holy Redeemer Choir	€ 1,945
Vox choral group	€ 570
Bray Choral Concert	€ 397

Fund raising for parish funds

Bag packing	€ 1,259
Family Quiz night	€ 887
Holiday Club	€ 247
Car Boot Sales (to end July)	€ 1,943
Strawberry / Coffee morning (in support of Youth Pastor)	€ 502

Parish Fête (after expenses) €13,025

Parish Gift Day

Organ Restoration Fund	€13,095
General / Youth Pastor	€ 3,000
(Total)	€16,095

Other fundraising and parish activities are currently under way or in advanced planning; these include Car Boot sales in August, the Golf Classic in September and of course the Flower Festival of Remembrance in November. We would ask you to continue to support these events in whatever way you can.

Joe Roe
(Parish Treasurer)

ANOTHER NONAGERIAN - ELSIE SCOTT

Elsie Scott is currently one of the longest continuous parishioners of Christ Church. She and her husband Trevor moved to Bray in 1942 and she has remained a member of the Parish ever since. Until 1997 she lived in Galtrim Park, the last six years on her own, following Trevor's death, and for the past 14 years has lived with her daughter in Shankill. Despite tempting offers from nearer Parishes she remained loyal to Christ Church and until very recently has been a familiar sight driving along in her little red Subaru to attend services and other Parish activities. Earlier this year she joined others born in April to receive her birthday card from Baden. Not bad for a lady who is 92 years young.

Elsie spent her early years in Rathgar and attended Alexandra School and College. She loved school and classical studies in particular but was also interested in drama and music and conducted the class choir in competitions. She enjoyed sport and played cricket, hockey and netball. Later she returned to Alex to teach in the Secretarial Department and she also taught in Dun Laoghaire Technical College for a short time.



Trevor had a large and small animal practice and was the vet for the Wicklow SPCCA. His practice covered Bray and all of Wicklow and he was well known in the community. Elsie was very much involved in supporting Trevor and his business, as well as rearing three children, Maeve, Derek and Carol, but she always threw herself wholeheartedly into Parish life. Never one to blow her own trumpet she has been happiest working quietly behind the scenes as part of a team, both in the local community and within the Parish itself. She helped with Meals on Wheels and War on Want for a number of years and has also played leading roles in various organisations within the Parish.

A life-long member of the Girl Guide movement, she became Lieutenant in Bray in 1943 and later went on to become Guide Captain for a number of years. She also organised several guide camps, helped with the annual Guide Sports held in Killruddery and is still today a member of Trefoil, an organisation of former Guiding officials.

She was a founder member of the Parish Indoor Bowling Club and remained a regular player until it closed a few years ago. She took her bowling seriously and won individual trophies as well as competing in inter-club league matches.

In September 2007 she was presented with a certificate to mark her 64 years of membership of the Mothers' Union and only last December retired from the Sanctuary team which meets once a month to polish the brasses in Church. She also worked for many years at the Annual Fête and at jumble sales. Latterly she helped by baking for the cake stall and liked nothing better than rolling up her sleeves and washing up cups after Church events. The Drama Festival was also a favourite and she would go each night to the Parochial Hall and do her own adjudicating(!). Sadly her ever diminishing hearing meant that she missed a lot of the dialogue but even then she liked to help by stacking away the chairs at the end of each evening and cleaning the hall, mainly with Brian and Clodagh Studdert.

A spell in hospital has meant that Elsie hasn't been able to get to Church in recent months but she is home again now and hoping to be back before long.

Maeve, Derek & Carol

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**We are currently looking for volunteers to arrange flowers to our
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**We will also have a World War II Trench and 'Women in the Home'
exhibition and story boards and would be grateful for any
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HELP

As you can see - Christ Church is having a Remembrance Flower Festival in November associated with . two exhibitions. This poster has gone to other flower clubs to ask them to join in. As well as our flower arrangers, Linda and Hilary are going to need a lot of support if the parish are to raise funds - catering for the public is the best money spinner, but they will also need help with running events, stewarding the Festival and security. Please offer your services in any capacity to them!





Do not forget Harvest Festival at the end of this month!!! More help needed!

Bruce Looks Back:

One Hundred Years Ago

On Thursday 22nd June we held our own Coronation Service in Christ Church, timed in sync with the service at Westminster Abbey that morning. There was a good turnout, allowing that many had travelled to Dublin for the main service in St. Patrick's cathedral. Bray was decked with flags. We even had one on the tower of St. Paul's, displaying over the body of the church, currently in ruins. We counted at least a dozen celebratory bonfires that evening in the hills around the town. The new King George and Queen Mary came to Dublin a fortnight later. On their tight schedule they did not visit Bray but the new Prince of Wales (*David, later Edward 8th*) and Princess Mary managed afternoon tea at Killruddery.



The rebuilding at St. Paul's continues, blessed with fine weather for the fitting of the new Wicklow granite stonework. Funds and promises are coming in a gentle stream.

The vestry had a knotty problem with the organs at our two churches. We did not want to put the present organ back into a newly vamped St. Paul's but a

new organ there will cost £300, which we don't have. The new Conacher organ ordered for Christ Church is costing £800 and even though we have a £400 grant from Mr. Carnegie, we still had a big shortfall. Thankfully we have just been given £219 anonymously, closing the gap enough to resolve the problem. The existing organ at Christchurch will be dismantled, stored in the church and transported to St. Paul's for erection there when the building work permits. This move will cost £40. There are still funds needed, for such things as laying the electric cable powering the Conacher organ at Christchurch and for building an organ chamber in St. Paul's to accommodate the old Christchurch instrument. We are hoping that much of this shortfall will be raised at the concert on 30th August being given by our now famous previous organist Mr. Hamilton Harty (later Sir Hamilton Harty) and his wife, professional musician Miss Agnes Nicholls.

We hope to have the work on the organs done and be worshipping in St. Paul's again by the end of 1911. Watch this space.

By Bruce Chandler from Vestry Minutes and Quarterly Calendars

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Mothers' Union will resume on Monday, 12th September with a service of Holy Communion at 8.00pm in Christ Church, Bray. We look forward to meeting up again after the summer break and catching up on all the news over supper and sharing photos of holidays and weddings. All are most welcome to join us at this service and at our meetings which are held on the second Monday of the month at 8.00pm in the PLC behind Christ Church.

The Diocesan Festival Service takes place on Thursday, 15th September at 8.00pm in Zion Parish Church and the Ploughing Championships at which Mothers' Union provide baby changing facilities takes place in Athy on 21st – 23rd September.

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Junior and Senior Choir Practice - Sunday mornings @ 9.45 - 10.45 am.

Tots & Toys - Kirsty 087 2486368

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Mothers' Union Enrolling Member: Nicola Gray

Meets 2nd Monday of the month in PLC @ 8 pm.

Hall Bookings - Parish Office

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Sunday Rocks: Dorianne Paso

Meets during services every Sunday except 4th Sunday

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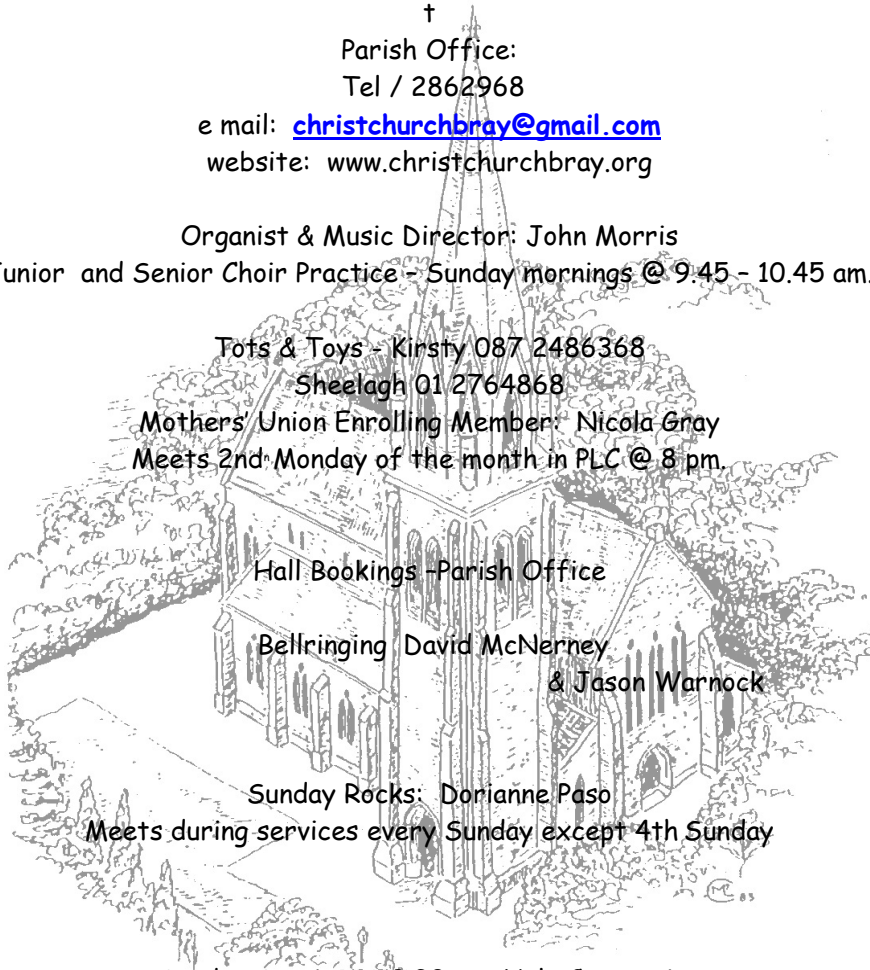
11 am. Family Services

1st and 3rd Sundays Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer

4th Sunday - Family Service (all ages)

5th Sunday - Healing Service





TASK FORCE 2011



Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 4 th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion 1; 11.00am Holy Communion 2
Tues 6 th Sept	11.00am Tots 'n Toys restarts in the Parish Life Centre
Sat 10 th Sept	9.00am – 1.00pm Car Boot Sale
Sat 10 th Sept	Bray Churches Together day trip to Dromantine and Mountains of Mourne
Sunday 11 th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion 2; 11.00am Morning Prayer and Sunday Rocks Dedication
Sunday 18 th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion 1; 11.00am Holy Communion 2
Sunday 25 th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion 2; 11.00am Family Service
Fri 30 th Sept	Harvest Communion and Supper at 8.00pm.
Saturday 1 st October	Famine Appeal – a four hour ringing of our 8 bells to raise money for famine victims in Eastern Africa.
Sunday, 2 nd October	8.30am Holy Communion 1; 11.00am Harvest Communion

Letter from the Archbishop after Confirmation

The Sea House, 17 Temple Road, Milltown, Dublin 6

Whitsunday 2011

Dear Baden,

I should like to thank you for a most inspiring and enjoyable service in Christ Church today. I was really taken by story by the building itself and by what you have already done with it. The combination of engaged people and effective liturgy gave a sense of life and focus – for that too I am so grateful.

My apologies for the fleeting character of my visit. I presume St. Patrick's calls for you this afternoon – the Holy Spirit has to be allowed to be everywhere. I go to Jerusalem this evening to meetings and I will pray for the life of your diocese and its people there.

May God continue to bless you and all your family in the years ahead.

Sincerely, +Michael.

TASK FORCE

Over the summer months, the grass and weeds have continued to grow. Our thanks again to all our Task Force faithful who have worked to keep Christ Church grounds in such shape.

What you may not have noticed is the new fencing in the Rectory garden and also what has been achieved at the Parochial Hall and Lodge. It is difficult to say an adequate thank you to those who have worked so hard and given up their free time to achieve all of this. We should just remember how lucky we are as a Parish to have such a faithful and willing group in our midst!

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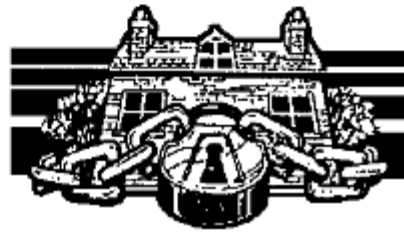
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